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FOR BARBIAN FROM TANNER

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FBIS ITEM 15 "FURTHER ON PRAVDA  
EDITORIAL ARTICLE ON ANGOLA":

(TEXT) MOSCOW, JANUARY 3 TASS--PRAVDA, IN AN EDITORIAL  
HEADLINED "ON EVENTS IN ANGOLA AND OVER IT," WRITES:

"A HARD WAR HAS BEEN GOING ON IN ANGOLA FOR THE SECOND  
MONTH BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE YOUNG REPUBLIC, ON  
THE ONE HAND, AND THE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM, RACISM AND  
REACTION, ON THE OTHER. ALONG WITH LAVISH SUPPORT WITH  
WEAPONS FOR THE FORCES THAT COME OUT AGAINST THE LEGITIMATE  
GOVERNMENT, THE IMPERIALIST CIRCLES ARE RECKONING ON AN  
ECONOMIC BLOCKADE. THE AIM IS ONE: TO STIFLE THE NEW  
SOVEREIGN STATE OF AFRICA IN THE CRADLE.

"THE ALIGNMENT OF FORCES IN THE ANGOLAN CONFLICT IS  
BECOMING INCREASINGLY CLEAR AND SO FAR THE POSITIONS OF  
DIFFERENT STATES IN THIS ISSUE. SOME FACTS HAVE ALREADY  
COME TO PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND IT IS CLEAR FROM THEM THAT  
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CERTAIN WESTERN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES,

HAVE LONG BEEN SUPPLYING ARMS TO THE ANGOLAN SEPARATISTS AND ARE CONTINUING TO DO SO ON AN INCREASINGLY LARGE SCALE. THE SOUTH AFRICAN RACIST REGIME, WHICH IS PARTICULARLY HATED BY THE AFRICAN PEOPLE, IS BEING USED AS A STRIKING FORCE AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA.

"THERE IS EVERY GROUND TO SAY THAT BOTH THE CONFLICT IN ANGOLA AND THE AGGRAVATION OF THE SITUATION OVER IT HAVE BEEN A RESULT OF GROSS UNCEREMONIOUS INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE BY THE IMPERIALIST FORCES, THE RACIST SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME AND THEIR MERCENARIES. THE MAOISTS ARE ALSO AT ONE WITH THEM.

"IN AN ATTEMPT TO SOMEHOW JUSTIFY IN THE EYES OF AFRICAN AND WORLD PUBLIC OPINION THE IRREFUTABLE FACTS OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIONS AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, NEWS SERVICES IN WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE LAYING THEMSELVES OUT IN AN EFFORT TO GIVE A DISTORTED VIEW OF THE CURRENT EVENTS IN ANGOLA. THEY DISTORT THE STAND OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND ARE TRYING TO CAST ASPERSIONS ON THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE SOVIET UNION.

"TO PUT THINGS WHERE THEY BELONG, WE HAVE TO REMIND ONCE MORE OF THE PRINCIPLED LINE FOLLOWED BY THE SOVIET UNION IN QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE NATIONAL-LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES IN GENERAL, AND IN THIS CASE IN PARTICULAR.

"THE SOVIET UNION, LOYAL AS IT IS TO ITS /DUTY, HAS GIVEN AND CONTINUES TO GIVE MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT TO THE PATRIOTIC FORCES OF ANGOLA AND THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA (MPLA) IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM AND MAKES NO SECRET OF THIS. SUCH ACTIONS FULLY ACCORD WITH THE WELL-KNOWN DECISIONS ON DECOLONISATION, ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AS WELL AS THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY. AT PRESENT, THE SOVIET UNION'S AID TO THE LAWFUL GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, AID GIVEN AT THE LATTER'S REQUEST, IS DESIGNED TO SAFEGUARD THAT COUNTRY FROM AGGRESSIVE ENCROACHMENTS FROM OUTSIDE, TO HELP IT DEFEND ITS SOV-  
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EREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

"THE SOVIET UNION DOES NOT SEEK ANYTHING IN ANGOLA-- EITHER ECONOMIC, MILITARY OR OTHER GAIN. ANY ASSERTIONS CONCERNING THE SOVIET UNION'S INTENTION TO ESTABLISH MILITARY BASES THERE AND ABOUT SOVIET MILITARY EXPANSION

IN AFRICA IN GENERAL, ARE UNFOUNDED. THE SOVIET UNION'S

SUPPORT OF THE LAWFUL GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA IS PROMPTED EXCLUSIVELY BY ITS DEDICATION TO THE CAUSE OF THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES AGAINST COLONIALISM AND NEOCOLONIALISM, THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE PEOPLES.

(TEXT) "THE RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION IS FAR FROM SIGNIFYING, AND IT CANNOT SIGNIFY, A FREEDOM OF AGGRESSORS' ACTION, THE KEEPING OF COLONIALISTS' AND RACISTS' OPPORTUNITIES TO CARRY ON THE PLUNDER OF THE NATIONAL WEALTH OF PEOPLES, AND WHEN AN END TO THAT IS COMING--TO TRY TO REGAIN BY FORCE THE LOST POSITIONS. IT IS SUCH ACTIONS THAT BRING ABOUT TENSION AND A THREAT TO PEACE IN AFRICA'S SOUTH.

"THE SOVIET UNION COMES OUT FIRMLY FOR THE TERMINATION OF FOREIGN ARMED INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE SHOULD BE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO DECIDE THEMSELVES THE QUESTIONS OF BUILDING A NEW LIFE IN CONDITIONS OF PEACE AND FREEDOM.

"AT ONE TIME--WHEN ANGOLA FACED THE QUESTION OF SETTING UP A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS MOVEMENTS--THE SOVIET UNION, AS IS KNOWN, WELCOMED SUCH A DEVELOPMENT OF EVENTS. AND IF THE INTERNAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN ANGOLA TOOK A DIFFERENT TURN, THE BLAME IS WITH THE LEADERS OF THE SECESSIONIST ALIGNMENTS THAT UNLEASHED AN ARMED STRUGGLE WITH AN ACTIVE SUPPORT FROM OUTSIDE. THE CONSOLIDATION OF PATRIOTIC AND ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES OF ANGOLA WHICH COME OUT FOR ITS GENUINE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY WOULD BE UNDOUBTEDLY MET FAVOURABLY BY THOSE WHO ARE GENUINELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THAT

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COUNTRY.

"THE FACT THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS ON THE SIDE OF THE FORCES WHICH EXPRESS THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE, THE INTERESTS OF AFRICA'S LIBERATION FROM COLONIALISM, REQUIRES NO SPECIAL PROOF. THIS IS EVIDENCED IF ONLY BY THE FACT THAT APART FROM THE SOVIET UNION, ALMOST 40 STATES, INCLUDING ABOUT 20 STATES IN AFRICA, HAVE ALREADY RECOGNIZED THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, AND THE PROCESS OF WIDE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA CONTINUES."

"MANIFEST IS AN OBVIOUS CHANGE IN THE APPRAISAL OF THE REAL STATE OF THINGS IN ANGOLA AND OVER IT EVEN BY THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH ONLY YESTERDAY HELD A HESITATING OR WAIT-

AND-SEE POSITION IN THE ANGOLAN QUESTION AND APPARENTLY  
HAD AN INSUFFICIENTLY CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT FOR AND AGAINST  
WHOM THE PATRIOTS OF ANGOLA ARE STRUGGLING AND WHAT AIMS  
ARE PURSUED THERE BY IMPERIALISTS.

"AS IS KNOWN, PREPARATIONS ARE NOW UNDER WAY FOR THE CON-  
VOCATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE ORGANIZATION

OF AFRICAN UNITY TO CONSIDER THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA. ITS  
DECISIONS MAY PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE IN THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE'S  
VICTORY OVER THE ENEMIES OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND FREE-  
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